

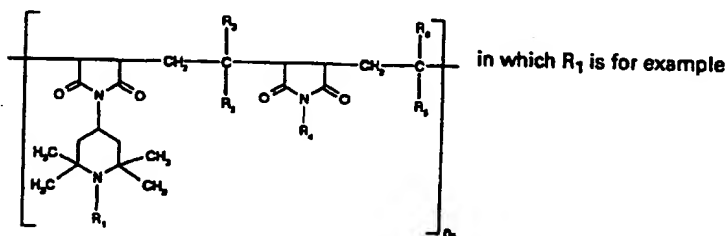
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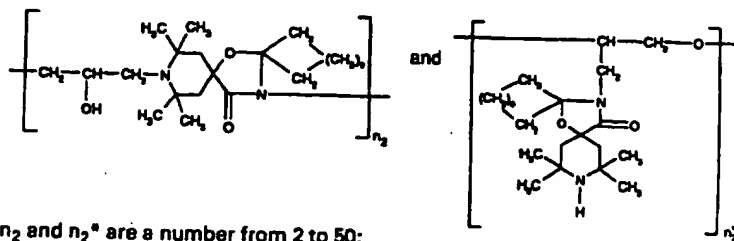
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(54) Stabilizer mixtures for olefin polymers

(57) A stabilizer mixture contains A) either (A1) at least one compound of the formula



hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>30</sub>alkyl; R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are for example hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>30</sub>alkyl or phenyl; R<sub>4</sub> is for example C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>30</sub>alkyl or 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl; and n<sub>1</sub> is a number from 1 to 50; or (A2) at least one compound of the formulae



wherein n<sub>2</sub> and n<sub>2</sub>\* are a number from 2 to 50;

B) magnesium oxide, magnesium hydroxide, zinc oxide, zinc hydroxide or an organic salt of zinc or magnesium; and

C) either

(C1) an UV absorber or

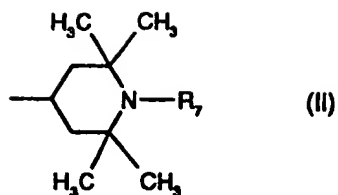
(C2) a pigment or

(C3) an UV absorber and a pigment;

with the proviso that, when component A) is at least one compound of the formulae (111a) and (111b), component B) is magnesium oxide, magnesium hydroxide or an organic salt of zinc or magnesium.

Such a stabilizer mixture is particularly useful for stabilizing a polyolefin against light-induced degradation.

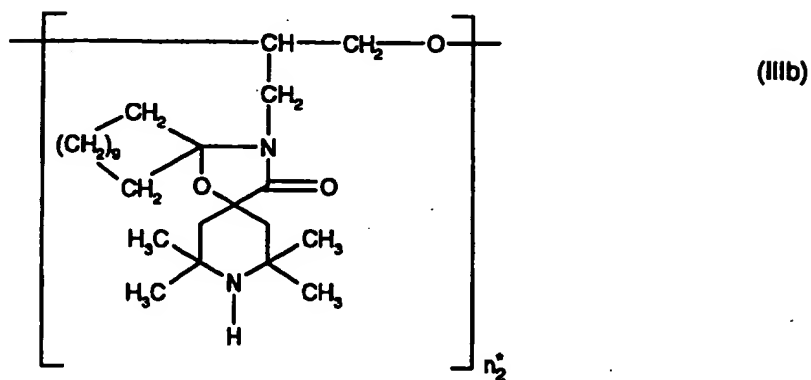
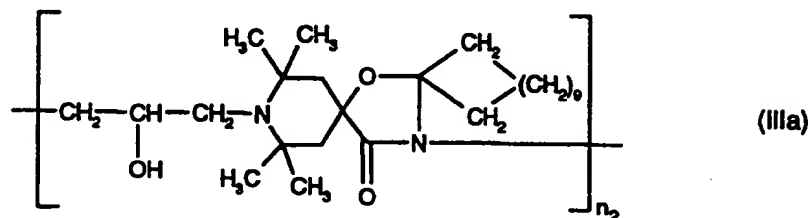
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wherein  $R_7$  has one of the meanings given for  $R_1$ , and

$n_1$  is a number from 1 to 50; or

(A2) at least one compound of the formulae (IIIa) and (IIIb)



wherein  $n_2$  and  $n_2^*$  are a number from 2 to 50;

B) magnesium oxide, magnesium hydroxide, zinc oxide, zinc hydroxide or an organic salt of zinc or magnesium; and

C) either

(C1) an UV absorber or

(C2) a pigment or

(C3) an UV absorber and a pigment;  
with the proviso that, when component A) is at least one compound of the formulae (IIIa) and (IIIb), component B) is magnesium oxide, magnesium hydroxide or an organic salt of zinc or magnesium.

In general, when component A) is at least one compound of the formulae (IIIa) and (IIIb), component B) is preferably an organic salt of zinc or magnesium.

Examples of alkyl having up to 30 carbon atoms are methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, 2-ethylbutyl, n-pentyl, isopentyl, 1-methylpentyl, 1,3-dimethylbutyl, n-hexyl, 1-methylhexyl, n-heptyl, isoheptyl, 1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl, 1-methylheptyl, 3-methylheptyl, n-octyl, 2-ethylhexyl, 1,1,3-trimethylhexyl, 1,1,3,3-tetramethylpentyl, nonyl, decyl, undecyl, 1-methylundecyl, dodecyl, 1,1,3,3,5-hexamethylhexyl, tridecyl, tetradecyl, pentadecyl, hexadecyl, heptadecyl, octadecyl, eicosyl, docosyl and triacontyl. One of the preferred meanings of  $R_3$  and  $R_8$  is  $C_1-C_4$ alkyl, in particular methyl. One of the preferred meanings of  $R_2$  and  $R_6$  is  $C_1-C_{25}$ alkyl, in particular  $C_{15}-C_{25}$ alkyl, for example  $C_{16}-C_{22}$ alkyl. One of the preferred meanings of  $R_4$  is  $C_1-C_{25}$ alkyl, in particular  $C_{10}-C_{20}$ alkyl, for example octadecyl. One of the preferred meanings of  $R_1$  and  $R_7$  is  $C_1-C_4$ alkyl, in particular methyl.

Examples of  $C_1-C_{16}$ alkoxy are methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, isobutoxy, pentoxy, isopentoxy, hexoxy, heptoxy, octoxy, decyloxy, dodecyloxy, tetradecyloxy, hexadecyloxy and octadecyloxy.  $R_1$  and  $R_7$  may be for example  $C_6-C_{12}$ alkoxy, in particular heptoxy or octoxy.

Examples of  $C_5-C_{12}$ cycloalkyl are cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl and cyclododecyl.  $C_5-C_8$ cycloalkyl, in particular cyclohexyl, is preferred.

Examples of  $C_5-C_{12}$ cycloalkoxy are cyclopentoxy, cyclohexoxy, cycloheptoxy, cyclooctoxy, cyclodecyloxy and cyclododecyloxy.  $C_5-C_8$ Cycloalkoxy, in particular cyclopentoxy and cyclohexoxy, is preferred.

Examples of  $C_3-C_6$ alkenyl are allyl, 2-methylallyl, butenyl, pentenyl and hexenyl. Allyl is preferred. The carbon atom in position 1 is preferably saturated.

C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>Phenylalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl on the phenyl radical is, for example, benzyl, phenylethyl, methylbenzyl, dimethylbenzyl, trimethylbenzyl or tert-butylbenzyl. Benzyl is preferred.

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>acyl is preferably C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>alkanoyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>alkenoyl or benzoyl. Examples are formyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, pentanoyl, hexanoyl, octanoyl, benzoyl, acryloyl and crotonoyl. Acetyl is preferred.

n<sub>1</sub> is preferably a number from 1 to 25, in particular 1 to 20 or 1 to 10.

n<sub>2</sub> and n<sub>2</sub><sup>\*</sup>, independently of one another, are preferably 2 to 25, in particular 2 to 20 or 2 to 10.

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>7</sub>, independently of one another, are preferably hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl, -OH, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>cycloalkoxy, allyl, benzyl or acetyl, in particular hydrogen or methyl.

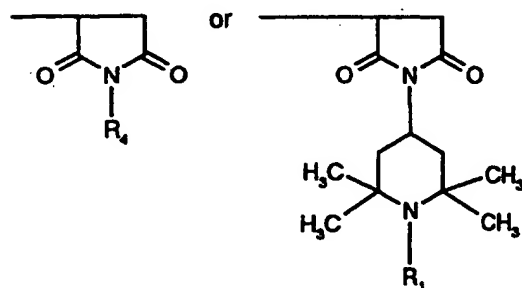
The compounds described as component A) are essentially known (in some cases commercially available) and can be prepared by known processes, for example as described in DD-A-262 439 (Derwent 89-122 983/17, Chemical Abstracts 111:58 964u), WO-A-94/12 544 (Derwent 94-177 274/22) and US-A-4 340 534.

The compounds of the formulae (IIIa) and (IIIb) can be obtained together as a mixture and also employed as such in the novel stabilizer mixture. The (IIIa):(IIIb) ratio is, for example, from 20:1 to 1:20 or from 1:10 to 10:1.

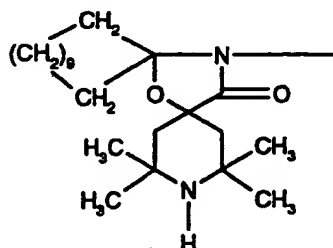
Component A) is preferably <sup>®</sup>UVINUL 5050 H, <sup>®</sup>LICHTSCHUTZSTOFF UV 31 or <sup>®</sup>HOSTAVIN N 30.

The meanings of the terminal groups which saturate the free valences in the compounds of the formulae (I), (IIIa) and (IIIb) depend on the processes used for their preparation. The terminal groups can also be modified after the preparation of the compounds.

In the compounds of the formula (I), the terminal group bonded to the 2,5-dioxopyrrolidine ring is, for example, hydrogen, and the terminal group bonded to the  $-C(R_5)(R_6)-$  radical is, for example,



In the compounds of the formula (IIIa), the terminal group bonded to the nitrogen can be, for example, hydrogen and the terminal group bonded to the 2-hydroxypropylene radical can be, for example, a



group.

In the compounds of the formula (IIIb), the terminal group bonded to the dimethylene radical can be, for example,  $-OH$ , and the terminal group bonded to the oxygen can be, for example, hydrogen. The terminal groups can also be polyether radicals.

A preferred embodiment of this invention relates to a stabilizer mixture wherein component A) is at least one compound of the formulae (IIIa) and (IIIb).

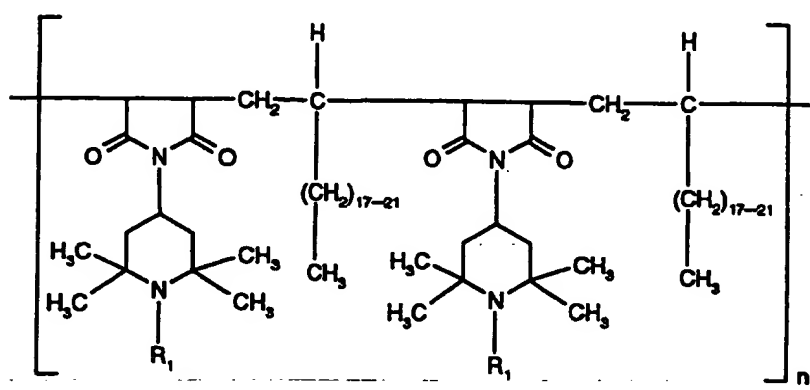
Preferred stabilizer mixtures are those wherein

$R_2$  and  $R_5$ , independently of one another, are  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ alkyl or phenyl,

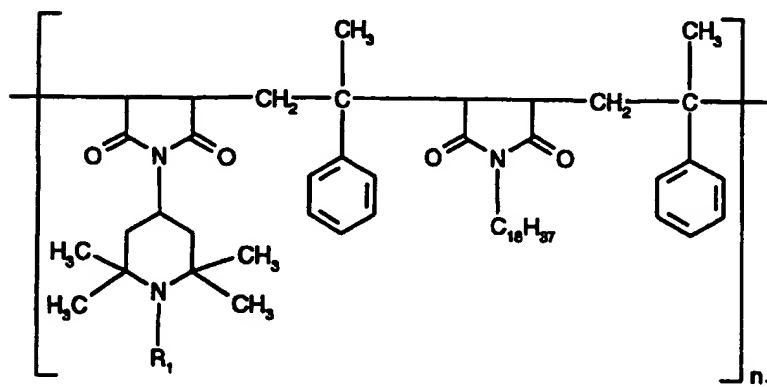
$R_3$  and  $R_6$ , independently of one another, are hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl, and

$R_4$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ alkyl or a group of the formula (II).

Particularly preferred stabilizer mixtures are those wherein the compound of the formula (I) is



or



wherein  $R_1$  is hydrogen or methyl, and  $n_1$  is a number from 1 to 25.

The organic salt of zinc or magnesium defined in component B) is preferably a compound of the formula  $MeL_2$  in which Me is zinc or magnesium and L is an anion of an organic acid or

of an enol. The organic acid can, for example, be a sulfonic acid, sulfinic acid, phosphonic acid or phosphinic acid, but is preferably a carboxylic acid. The acid can be aliphatic, aromatic, araliphatic or cycloaliphatic; it can be linear or branched; it can be substituted by hydroxyl or alkoxy groups; it can be saturated or unsaturated and it preferably contains 1 to 24 carbon atoms.

Examples of carboxylic acids of this type are formic, acetic, propionic, butyric, isobutyric, caproic, 2-ethylcaproic, caprylic, capric, lauric, palmitic, stearic, behenic, oleic, lactic, ricinoleic, 2-ethoxypropionic, benzoic, salicylic, 4-butylbenzoic, toluidic, 4-dodecylbenzoic, phenylacetic, naphthylacetic, cyclohexanecarboxylic, 4-butylcyclohexanecarboxylic or cyclohexylacetic acid. The carboxylic acid can also be a technical mixture of carboxylic acids, for example technical mixtures of fatty acids or mixtures of alkylated benzoic acids.

Examples of organic acids containing sulfur or phosphorus are methanesulfonic, ethanesulfonic,  $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylethanesulfonic, n-buthanesulfonic, n-dodecanesulfonic, benzenesulfonic, toluenesulfonic, 4-nonylbenzenesulfonic, 4-dodecylbenzenesulfonic or cyclohexanesulfonic acid, dodecanesulfinic, benzenesulfinic or naphthalenesulfinic acid, butylphosphonic acid, phenylphosphonic acid, monomethyl or monoethyl phenylphosphonate, monobutyl benzylphosphonate, dibutylphosphinic acid or diphenylphosphinic acid.

If L is an enolate anion, it is preferably an anion of a  $\beta$ -dicarbonyl compound or of an o-acylphenol. Examples of  $\beta$ -dicarbonyl compounds are acetylacetone, benzoylacetone, dibenzoylmethane, ethyl acetoacetate, butyl acetoacetate, lauryl acetoacetate or  $\alpha$ -acetylcyclohexanone. Examples of o-acylphenols are 2-acetylphenol, 2-butyrylphenol, 2-acetyl-1-naphthol, 2-benzoylphenol or salicylaldehyde. The enolate is preferably the anion of a  $\beta$ -dicarbonyl compound having 5 to 20 carbon atoms.

Preferred examples of component B) are magnesium acetate, laurate and stearate, zinc formate, acetate, oenanthate, laurate and stearate and zinc acetylacetonate and magnesium acetylacetonate.

In a preferred embodiment of this invention component B) as an organic salt of zinc or magnesium is preferably an acetylacetonate or an aliphatic monocarboxylate having, for example, 1 to 24 carbon atoms.

The UV absorber in component C) is preferably a 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, a 2-hydroxybenzophenone, an ester of substituted or unsubstituted benzoic acid, an acrylate, an oxamide, a 2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, a monobenzoate of resorcinol or a formamidine.

The 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole is for example 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)-benzotriazole, 2-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(5'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole, 2-(3'-sec-butyl-5'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(2'-hydroxy-4'-octyloxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3',5'-di-tert-amyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3',5'-bis-( $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, mixture of 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-octyloxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-5'-[2-(2-ethylhexyloxy)-carbonyl]ethyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-methoxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-methoxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-octyloxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-5'-[2-(2-ethylhexyloxy)carbonyl]ethyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3'-dodecyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-isooctyloxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole, 2,2'-methylene-bis[4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)-6-benzotriazole-2-yl]phenol] or the transesterification product of 2-[3'-tert-butyl-5'-(2-methoxycarbonyl)ethyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl]-2H-benzotriazole with polyethylene glycol 300, where R = 3'-tert-butyl-4'-hydroxy-5'-2H-benzotriazol-2-ylphenyl.

2-(3',5'-Di-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole and 2-(3',5'-di-tert-amyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-benzotriazole are preferred.

The 2-hydroxybenzophenone is for example the 4-hydroxy, 4-methoxy, 4-octyloxy, 4-decyloxy, 4-dodecyloxy, 4-benzyloxy, 4,2',4'-trihydroxy or 2'-hydroxy-4,4'-dimethoxy derivatives.



2-Hydroxy-4-octyloxybenzophenone is preferred.

The ester of a substituted or unsubstituted benzoic acid is for example 4-tert-butyl-phenyl salicylate, phenyl salicylate, octylphenyl salicylate, dibenzoyl resorcinol, bis(4-tert-butylbenzoyl) resorcinol, benzoyl resorcinol, 2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate, hexadecyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate, octadecyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate or 2-methyl-4,6-di-tert-butylphenyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate.

2,4-Di-tert-butylphenyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate and hexadecyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate are preferred.

The acrylate is for example ethyl  $\alpha$ -cyano- $\beta,\beta$ -diphenylacrylate, isooctyl  $\alpha$ -cyano- $\beta,\beta$ -diphenylacrylate, methyl  $\alpha$ -carbomethoxycinnamate, methyl  $\alpha$ -cyano- $\beta$ -methyl-p-methoxycinnamate, butyl  $\alpha$ -cyano- $\beta$ -methyl-p-methoxycinnamate, methyl  $\alpha$ -carbomethoxy-p-methoxycinnamate or N-( $\beta$ -carbomethoxy- $\beta$ -cyanovinyl)-2-methylindoline.

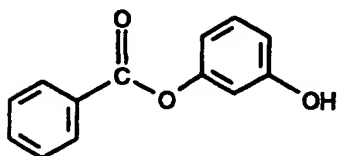
The oxamide is for example 4,4'-dioctyloxyoxanilide, 2,2'-diethoxyoxanilide, 2,2'-dioctyloxy-5,5'-di-tert-butoxanilide, 2,2'-didodecyloxy-5,5'-di-tert-butoxanilide, 2-ethoxy-2'-ethyloxanilide, N,N'-bis(3-dimethylaminopropyl)oxamide, 2-ethoxy-5-tert-butyl-2'-ethoxanilide or its mixture with 2-ethoxy-2'-ethyl-5,4'-di-tert-butoxanilide or mixtures of ortho- and para-methoxy-disubstituted oxanilides or mixtures of o- and p-ethoxy-disubstituted oxanilides.

The 2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine is for example 2,4,6-tris(2-hydroxy-4-octyloxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-octyloxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2,4-bis(2-hydroxy-4-propyloxyphenyl)-6-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-octyloxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(4-methylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-dodecyloxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-tridecyloxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-[2-hydroxy-4-(2-hydroxy-3-butyloxy-propoxy)phenyl]-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-[2-hydroxy-4-(2-hydroxy-3-octyloxy-propyloxy)phenyl]-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-[4-(dodecyloxy/tridecyloxy-2-hydroxypropoxy)-2-hydroxy-phenyl]-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-[2-hydroxy-4-(2-hydroxy-3-dodecyloxy-propoxy)phenyl]-4,6-bis(2,4-di-

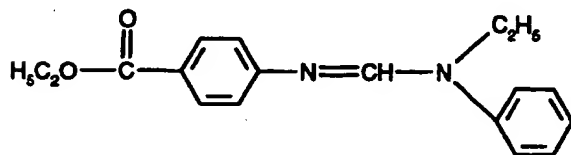
methylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-hexyloxy)phenyl-4,6-diphenyl-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-4,6-diphenyl-1,3,5-triazine, 2,4,6-tris[2-hydroxy-4-(3-butoxy-2-hydroxy-propoxy)phenyl]-1,3,5-triazine or 2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-phenyl-1,3,5-triazine.

2-(2-Hydroxy-4-octyloxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine and 2-(2-hydroxy-4-hexyloxy)phenyl-4,6-diphenyl-1,3,5-triazine are preferred.

The monobenzoate of resorcinol is for example the compound of the formula



The formamidine is for example the compound of the formula



The UV absorber in component C) is in particular a 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, a 2-hydroxybenzophenone or a 2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine.

Component C) is preferably an UV absorber.

The pigment in component C) may be an inorganic or organic pigment.

Examples of inorganic pigments are titanium dioxide, zinc oxide, carbon black, cadmium sulfide, cadmium selenide, chromium oxide, iron oxide, lead oxide and so on.

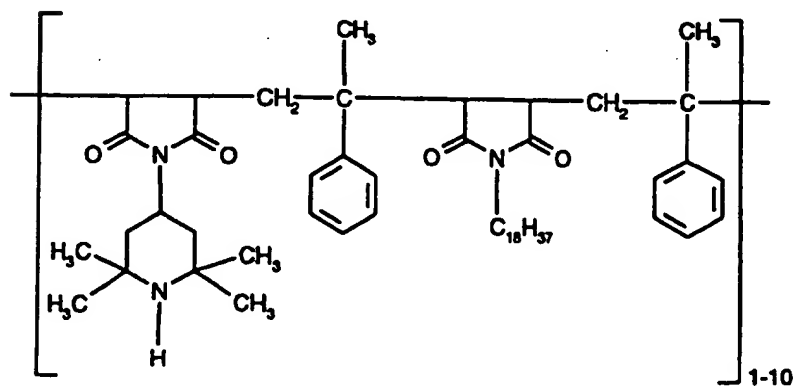
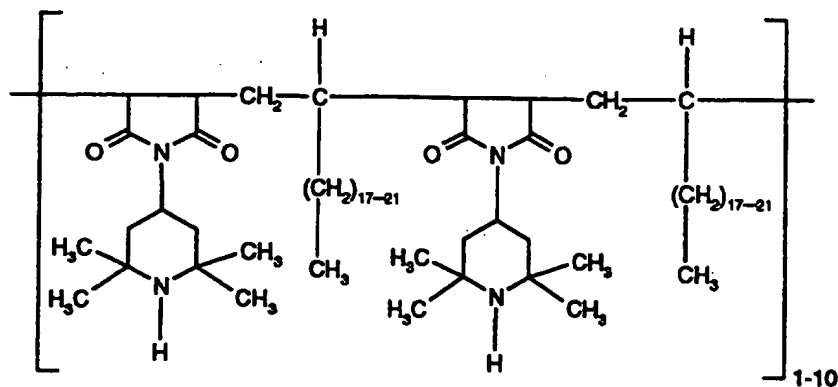
Examples of organic pigments are azo pigments, anthraquinones, phthalocyanines, tetrachloroisindolinones, quinacridones, isoindolines, perylenes, pyrrolopyrroles (such as Pigment Red 254) and so on.

As a pigment in component C), all pigments described in "Gächter/Müller: Plastics Additives Handbook, 3rd Edition, Hanser Publishers, Munich Vienna New York", page 647 to 659, point 11.2.1.1 to 11.2.4.2 can be used.

A particular preferred pigment is titanium dioxide.

A further preferred embodiment of this invention is a stabilizer mixture containing

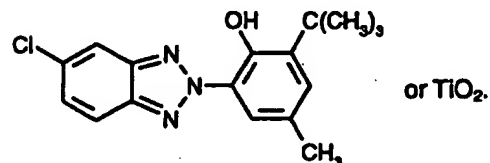
A) a compound of the formula



or at least one compound of the formulae (IIIa) and (IIIb) wherein  $n_2$  and  $n_2^*$ , independently of one another, are a number from 2 to 10;

B) magnesium stearate or zinc stearate and

C) the compound



The stabilizer mixture according to the present invention is useful for stabilizing polyolefins. Examples of suitable polyolefins are shown in the following.

1. Polymers of monoolefins and diolefins, for example polypropylene, polyisobutylene, polybut-1-ene, poly-4-methylpent-1-ene, polyisoprene or polybutadiene, as well as polymers of cycloolefins, for instance of cyclopentene or norbornene, polyethylene (which optionally can be crosslinked), for example high density polyethylene (HDPE), high density and high molecular weight polyethylene (HDPE-HMW), high density and ultrahigh molecular weight polyethylene (HDPE-UHMW), medium density polyethylene (MDPE), low density polyethylene (LDPE), linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE), branched low density polyethylene (BLDPE).

Polyolefins, i.e. the polymers of monoolefins exemplified in the preceding paragraph, preferably polyethylene and polypropylene, can be prepared by different, and especially by the following, methods:

- a) radical polymerisation (normally under high pressure and at elevated temperature).
- b) catalytic polymerisation using a catalyst that normally contains one or more than one metal of groups IVb, Vb, Vlb or VIII of the Periodic Table. These metals usually have one or more than one ligand, typically oxides, halides, alcoholates, esters, ethers, amines, alkyls, alkenyls and/or aryls that may be either  $\pi$ - or  $\sigma$ -coordinated. These metal complexes may be in the free form or fixed on substrates, typically on

activated magnesium chloride, titanium(III) chloride, alumina or silicon oxide. These catalysts may be soluble or insoluble in the polymerisation medium. The catalysts can be used by themselves in the polymerisation or further activators may be used, typically metal alkyls, metal hydrides, metal alkyl halides, metal alkyl oxides or metal alkyloxanes, said metals being elements of groups Ia, IIa and/or IIIa of the Periodic Table. The activators may be modified conveniently with further ester, ether, amine or silyl ether groups. These catalyst systems are usually termed Phillips, Standard Oil Indiana, Ziegler (-Natta), TNZ (DuPont), metallocene or single site catalysts (SSC).

2. Mixtures of the polymers mentioned under 1), for example mixtures of polypropylene with polyisobutylene, polypropylene with polyethylene (for example PP/HDPE, PP/LDPE) and mixtures of different types of polyethylene (for example LDPE/HDPE).
3. Copolymers of monoolefins and diolefins with each other or with other vinyl monomers, for example ethylene/propylene copolymers, linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE) and mixtures thereof with low density polyethylene (LDPE), propylene/but-1-ene copolymers, propylene/isobutylene copolymers, ethylene/but-1-ene copolymers, ethylene/hexene copolymers, ethylene/methylpentene copolymers, ethylene/heptene copolymers, ethylene/octene copolymers, propylene/butadiene copolymers, isobutylene/isoprene copolymers, ethylene/alkyl acrylate copolymers, ethylene/alkyl methacrylate copolymers, ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymers and their copolymers with carbon monoxide or ethylene/acrylic acid copolymers and their salts (ionomers) as well as terpolymers of ethylene with propylene and a diene such as hexadiene, dicyclopentadiene or ethylidene-norbornene; and mixtures of such copolymers with one another and with polymers mentioned in 1) above, for example polypropylene/ethylene-propylene copolymers, LDPE/ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymers (EVA), LDPE/ethylene-acrylic acid copolymers (EAA), LLDPE/EVA, LLDPE/EAA and alternating or random polyalkylene/carbon monoxide copolymers and mixtures thereof with other polymers, for example polyamides.

The invention therefore furthermore relates to a composition containing a polyolefin and the novel stabilizer mixture.

The polyolefins listed above under point 1 are preferred. Polyethylene and polypropylene as well as a copolymer of polyethylene or polypropylene are particularly preferred.

The components of the novel stabilizer mixture can be added to the material to be stabilized either individually or mixed with one another. Component (A) is preferably present in an amount of 0.01 to 5 %, in particular 0.05 to 1 %; component (B) is preferably present in an amount of 0.005 to 1 %, in particular 0.025 to 0.2 %; component (C<sub>1</sub>) is preferably present in an amount of 0.01 to 1 %, component (C<sub>2</sub>) is preferably present in an amount of 0.01 to 10 % and component (C<sub>3</sub>) is preferably present in an amount of 0.01 to 10 %. "%" is % by weight, relative to the material to be stabilized.

The ratio of the UV absorber to the pigment in component (C<sub>3</sub>) is preferably 2:1 to 1:10.

The ratio of the components (A):(B) is preferably 30:1 to 1:30, for example 20:1 to 1:20 or 20:1 to 1:10.

The ratio of the components (A):(C<sub>1</sub>) is preferably 1:20 to 30:1, for example 1:10 to 20:1 or 1:5 to 20:1.

The ratio of the components (A):(C<sub>2</sub>) is preferably 1:30 to 30:1, for example 1:20 to 20:1 or 1:10 to 10:1.

The ratio of the components (A):(C<sub>3</sub>) is preferably 1:30 to 30:1, for example 1:20 to 20:1 or 1:10 to 10:1.

The novel stabilizer mixture or the individual components thereof can be incorporated into the polyolefin by known methods, for example before or during shaping or by applying the dissolved or dispersed compounds to the polyolefin, if necessary with subsequent evaporation of the solvent. The individual components of the novel stabilizer mixture can be added to the materials to be stabilized in the form of a powder, granules or a masterbatch, which contains these components in, for example, a concentration of from 2.5 to 25% by weight.

If desired, the components of the novel stabilizer mixture can be melt blended with each other before incorporation in the polyolefin.

The novel stabilizer mixture or its components can be added before or during the polymerization or before the crosslinking.

The materials stabilized in this way can be used in a wide variety of forms, for example as films, fibres, tapes, moulding compositions, profiles or as binders for paints, adhesives or putties.

The stabilized polyolefin of the invention may additionally also contain various conventional additives, for example:

#### 1. Antioxidants

1.1. Alkylated monophenols, for example 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol, 2-tert-butyl-4,6-dimethylphenol, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-ethylphenol, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-n-butylphenol, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-isobutylphenol, 2,6-dicyclopentyl-4-methylphenol, 2-( $\alpha$ -methylcyclohexyl)-4,6-dimethylphenol, 2,6-dioctadecyl-4-methylphenol, 2,4,6-tricyclohexylphenol, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxymethylphenol, nonylphenols which are linear or branched in the side chains, for example, 2,6-di-nonyl-4-methylphenol, 2,4-dimethyl-6-(1'-methylundec-1'-yl)phenol, 2,4-dimethyl-6-(1'-methylheptadec-1'-yl)phenol, 2,4-dimethyl-6-(1'-methyltridec-1'-yl)phenol and mixtures thereof.

1.2. Alkylthiomethylphenols, for example 2,4-dioctylthiomethyl-6-tert-butylphenol, 2,4-dioctylthiomethyl-6-methylphenol, 2,4-dioctylthiomethyl-6-ethylphenol, 2,6-didodecylthiomethyl-4-nonylphenol.

1.3. Hydroquinones and alkylated hydroquinones, for example 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxyphenol, 2,5-di-tert-butylhydroquinone, 2,5-di-tert-amylhydroquinone, 2,6-diphenyl-4-octadecyloxyphenol, 2,6-di-tert-butylhydroquinone, 2,5-di-tert-butyl-4-

hydroxyanisole, 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyanisole, 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl stearate, bis-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl) adipate.

1.4. Tocopherols, for example  $\alpha$ -tocopherol,  $\beta$ -tocopherol,  $\gamma$ -tocopherol,  $\delta$ -tocopherol and mixtures thereof (Vitamin E).

1.5. Hydroxylated thiodiphenyl ethers, for example 2,2'-thiobis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol), 2,2'-thiobis(4-octylphenol), 4,4'-thiobis(6-tert-butyl-3-methylphenol), 4,4'-thiobis(6-tert-butyl-2-methylphenol), 4,4'-thiobis-(3,6-di-sec-amyphenol), 4,4'-bis-(2,6-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl) disulfide.

1.6. Alkylidenebisphenols, for example 2,2'-methylenebis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol), 2,2'-methylenebis(6-tert-butyl-4-ethylphenol), 2,2'-methylenebis[4-methyl-6-( $\alpha$ -methylcyclohexyl)phenol], 2,2'-methylenebis(4-methyl-6-cyclohexylphenol), 2,2'-methylenebis(6-nonyl-4-methylphenol), 2,2'-methylenebis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenol), 2,2'-ethylidenebis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenol), 2,2'-ethylidenebis(6-tert-butyl-4-isobutylphenol), 2,2'-methylenebis[6-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)-4-nonylphenol], 2,2'-methylenebis[6-( $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzyl)-4-nonylphenol], 4,4'-methylenebis(2,6-di-tert-butylphenol), 4,4'-methylenebis(6-tert-butyl-2-methylphenol), 1,1-bis(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)butane, 2,6-bis(3-tert-butyl-5-methyl-2-hydroxybenzyl)-4-methylphenol, 1,1,3-tris(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)-butane, 1,1-bis(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)-3-n-dodecylmercaptobutane, ethylene glycol bis[3,3-bis(3'-tert-butyl-4'-hydroxyphenyl)butyrate], bis(3-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)dicyclopentadiene, bis[2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylbenzyl)-6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenyl]terephthalate, 1,1-bis-(3,5-dimethyl-2-hydroxyphenyl)butane, 2,2-bis-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propane, 2,2-bis-(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)-4-n-dodecylmercaptobutane, 1,1,5,5-tetra-(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)pentane.

1.7. O-, N- and S-benzyl compounds, for example 3,5,3',5'-tetra-tert-butyl-4,4'-dihydroxydibenzyl ether, octadecyl-4-hydroxy-3,5-di-methylbenzylmercaptoacetate, tridecyl-4-hydroxy-3,5-di-tert-



butylbenzylmercaptoacetate, tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)amine, bis(4-tert-butyl-3-hydroxy-2,6-dimethylbenzyl)dithioterephthalate, bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)sulfide, isooctyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylmercaptoacetate.

1.8. Hydroxybenzylated malonates, for example dioctadecyl-2,2-bis-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-2-hydroxybenzyl)-malonate, di-octadecyl-2-(3-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylbenzyl)-malonate, di-dodecylmercaptoethyl-2,2-bis-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)malonate, bis[4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenyl]-2,2-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)malonate.

1.9. Aromatic hydroxybenzyl compounds, for example 1,3,5-tris-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene, 1,4-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)-2,3,5,6-tetramethylbenzene, 2,4,6-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)phenol.

1.10. Triazine Compounds, for example 2,4-bis(octylmercapto)-6-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyanilino)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-octylmercapto-4,6-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyanilino)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-octylmercapto-4,6-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenoxy)-1,3,5-triazine, 2,4,6-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenoxy)-1,2,3-triazine, 1,3,5-tris-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)isocyanurate, 1,3,5-tris(4-tert-butyl-3-hydroxy-2,6-dimethylbenzyl)isocyanurate, 2,4,6-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylethyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 1,3,5-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylpropionyl)-hexahydro-1,3,5-triazine, 1,3,5-tris(3,5-dicyclohexyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)isocyanurate.

1.11. Benzylphosphonates, for example dimethyl-2,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylphosphonate, diethyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylphosphonate, dioctadecyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylphosphonate, dioctadecyl-5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-3-methylbenzylphosphonate, the calcium salt of the monoethyl ester of 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylphosphonic acid.

1.12. Acylaminophenols, for example 4-hydroxylauranilide, 4-hydroxystearanilide, octyl N-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)carbamate.

1.13. Esters of  $\beta$ -(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid with mono- or polyhydric alcohols, e.g. with methanol, ethanol, n-octanol, l-octanol, octadecanol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,9-nonanediol, ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, neopentyl glycol, thiodiethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, pentaerythritol, tris(hydroxyethyl) isocyanurate, N,N'-bis(hydroxyethyl)oxamide, 3-thiaundecanol, 3-thiapentadecanol, trimethylhexanediol, trimethylolpropane, 4-hydroxymethyl-1-phospha-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[2.2.2]octane.

1.14. Esters of  $\beta$ -(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)propionic acid with mono- or polyhydric alcohols, e.g. with methanol, ethanol, n-octanol, l-octanol, octadecanol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,9-nonanediol, ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, neopentyl glycol, thiodiethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, pentaerythritol, tris(hydroxyethyl) isocyanurate, N,N'-bis(hydroxyethyl)oxamide, 3-thiaundecanol, 3-thiapentadecanol, trimethylhexanediol, trimethylolpropane, 4-hydroxymethyl-1-phospha-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[2.2.2]octane.

1.15. Esters of  $\beta$ -(3,5-dicyclohexyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid with mono- or polyhydric alcohols, e.g. with methanol, ethanol, octanol, octadecanol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,9-nonanediol, ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, neopentyl glycol, thiodiethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, pentaerythritol, tris-(hydroxyethyl)isocyanurate, N,N'-bis(hydroxyethyl)oxamide, 3-thiaundecanol, 3-thiapentadecanol, trimethylhexanediol, trimethylolpropane, 4-hydroxymethyl-1-phospha-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[2.2.2]octane.

1.16. Esters of 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl acetic acid with mono- or polyhydric alcohols, e.g. with methanol, ethanol, octanol, octadecanol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,9-nonanediol, ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, neopentyl glycol, thiodiethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, pentaerythritol, tris-(hydroxyethyl)isocyanurate, N,N'-bis(hydroxyethyl)oxamide, 3-thiaundecanol, 3-thiapentadecanol, trimethylhexanediol, trimethylolpropane, 4-hydroxymethyl-1-phospha-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[2.2.2]octane.

1.17. Amides of  $\beta$ -(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid e.g. N,N'-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylpropionyl)hexamethylenediamine, N,N'-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylpropionyl)trimethylenediamine, N,N'-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylpropionyl)hydrazine.

1.18. Ascorbic acid (vitamin C)

1.19. Aminic antioxidants, for example N,N'-di-isopropyl-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-di-sec-butyl-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-bis(1,4-dimethylpentyl)-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-bis(1-ethyl-3-methylpentyl)-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-bis(1-methylheptyl)-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-dicyclohexyl-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-diphenyl-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-bis(2-naphthyl)-p-phenylenediamine, N-isopropyl-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine, N-(1,3-dimethylbutyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine, N-(1-methylheptyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine, N-cyclohexyl-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine, 4-(p-toluenesulfamoyl)diphenylamine, N,N'-dimethyl-N,N'-di-sec-butyl-p-phenylenediamine, diphenylamine, N-allyldiphenylamine, 4-isopropoxydiphenylamine, N-phenyl-1-naphthylamine, N-(4-tert-octylphenyl)-1-naphthylamine, N-phenyl-2-naphthylamine, octylated diphenylamine, for example p,p'-di-tert-octyldiphenylamine, 4-n-butylaminophenol, 4-butyrylamino-phenol, 4-nonanoylamino-phenol, 4-dodecanoylamino-phenol, 4-octadecanoylamino-phenol, bis(4-methoxyphenyl)amine, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-dimethylaminomethylphenol, 2,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane, 4,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane, N,N,N',N'-tetramethyl-4,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane, 1,2-bis[(2-methylphenyl)amino]ethane, 1,2-bis(phenylamino)propane, (o-tolyl)biguanide, Bis[4-(1',3'-dimethylbutyl)phenyl]amine, tert-octylated N-phenyl-1-naphthylamine, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated tert-butyl/tert-octyldiphenylamines, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated nonyldiphenylamines, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated dodecyldiphenylamines, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated isopropyl/isohexyldiphenylamines, a mixture of mono- und dialkylated tert-butyldiphenylamines, 2,3-dihydro-3,3-dimethyl-4H-1,4-benzothiazine, phenothiazine, a mixture of mono- und dialkylated tert-butyl/tert-octylphenothiazines, a mixture of mono- und dialkylated tert-octyl-phenothiazines, N-allylphenothiazin, N,N,N',N'-tetraphenyl-1,4-diaminobut-2-ene, N,N-bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-piperid-

4-yl-hexamethylenediamine, bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperid-4-yl)sebacate, 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-one, 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-ol.

## 2. UV absorbers and light stabilisers

2.1 Nickel compounds, for example nickel complexes of 2,2'-thio-bis-[4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenol], such as the 1:1 or 1:2 complex, with or without additional ligands such as n-butylamine, triethanolamine or N-cyclohexyldiethanolamine, nickel dibutyldithiocarbamate, nickel salts of the monoalkyl esters, e.g. the methyl or ethyl ester, of 4-hydroxy-3,5-di-tert-butylbenzylphosphonic acid, nickel complexes of ketoximes, e.g. of 2-hydroxy-4-methylphenyl undecylketoxime, nickel complexes of 1-phenyl-4-lauroyl-5-hydroxypyrazole, with or without additional ligands.

2.2 Sterically hindered amines, for example bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)sebacate, bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)succinate, bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidyl)sebacate, bis(1-octyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)sebacate, bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidyl) n-butyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylmalonate, the condensate of 1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidine and succinic acid, the condensate of N,N'-bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)hexamethylenediamine and 4-tert-octylamino-2,6-dichloro-1,3,5-triazine, tris(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)nitrilotriacetate, tetrakis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)-1,2,3,4-butane-tetracarboxylate, 1,1'-(1,2-ethanediyl)bis(3,3,5,5-tetramethylpiperazinone), 4-benzoyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine, 4-stearyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine, bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidyl)-2-n-butyl-2-(2-hydroxy-3,5-di-tert-butylbenzyl)malonate, 3-n-octyl-7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]decan-2,4-dione, bis(1-octyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidyl)sebacate, bis(1-octyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidyl)succinate, the condensate of N,N'-bis-(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)hexamethylenediamine and 4-morpholino-2,6-dichloro-1,3,5-triazine, the condensate of 2-chloro-4,6-bis(4-n-butylamino-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidyl)-1,3,5-triazine and 1,2-bis(3-aminopropylamino)ethane, the condensate of 2-chloro-4,6-di-(4-n-butylamino-1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidyl)-1,3,5-triazine and 1,2-bis-(3-aminopropylamino)ethane, 8-acetyl-3-dodecyl-7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-

1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione, 3-dodecyl-1-(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)pyrrolidin-2,5-dione, 3-dodecyl-1-(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidyl)pyrrolidin-2,5-dione, a mixture of 4-hexadecyloxy- and 4-stearyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine, a condensation product of N,N'-bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)hexamethylenediamine and 4-cyclohexylamino-2,6-dichloro-1,3,5-triazine, N-(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)-n-dodecylsuccinimid, N-(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidyl)-n-dodecylsuccinimid, 2-undecyl-7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-1-oxa-3,8-diaza-4-oxo-spiro[4,5]decane, a reaction product of 7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-2-cycloundecyl-1-oxa-3,8-diaza-4-oxospiro [4,5]decane und epichlorohydrin.

3. Metal deactivators, for example N,N'-diphenyloxamide, N-salicylal-N'-salicyloyl hydrazine, N,N'-bis(salicyloyl) hydrazine, N,N'-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylpropionyl) hydrazine, 3-salicyloylamino-1,2,4-triazole, bis(benzylidene)-oxalyl dihydrazide, oxanilide, isophthaloyl dihydrazide, sebacoyl bisphenylhydrazide, N,N'-diacetyladipoyl dihydrazide, N,N'-bis(salicyloyl)oxalyl dihydrazide, N,N'-bis(salicyloyl)thiopropionyl dihydrazide.

4. Phosphites and phosphonites, for example triphenyl phosphite, diphenyl alkyl phosphites, phenyl dialkyl phosphites, tris(nonylphenyl) phosphite, trilauryl phosphite, trioctadecyl phosphite, distearyl pentaerythritol diphosphite, tris(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) phosphite, diisodecyl pentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) pentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenyl)-pentaerythritol diphosphite, diisodecylloxypentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl)pentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,4,6-tris(tert-butylphenyl)pentaerythritol diphosphite, tristearyl sorbitol triphosphite, tetrakis(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) 4,4'-biphenylene diphosphonite, 6-isooctyloxy-2,4,8,10-tetra-tert-butyl-12H-dibenz[d,g]-1,3,2-dioxaphosphocin, 6-fluoro-2,4,8,10-tetra-tert-butyl-12-methyl-dibenz[d,g]-1,3,2-dioxaphosphocin, bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl)methylphosphite, bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl)ethylphosphite.

5. Hydroxylamines, for example, N,N-dibenzylhydroxylamine, N,N-diethylhydroxylamine, N,N-dioctylhydroxylamine, N,N-dilaurylhydroxylamine, N,N-ditetradecylhydroxylamine, N,N-dihexadecylhydroxylamine, N,N-dioctadecylhydroxylamine, N-

hexadecyl-N-octadecylhydroxylamine, N-heptadecyl-N-octadecylhydroxylamine, N,N-dialkylhydroxylamine derived from hydrogenated tallow amine.

6. Nitrones, for example, N-benzyl-alpha-phenyl-nitron, N-ethyl-alpha-methyl-nitron, N-octyl-alpha-heptyl-nitron, N-lauryl-alpha-undecyl-nitron, N-tetradecyl-alpha-tridecyl-nitron, N-hexadecyl-alpha-pentadecyl-nitron, N-octadecyl-alpha-heptadecyl-nitron, N-hexadecyl-alpha-heptadecyl-nitron, N-octadecyl-alpha-pentadecyl-nitron, N-heptadecyl-alpha-heptadecyl-nitron, N-octadecyl-alpha-hexadecyl-nitron, nitron derived from N,N-dialkylhydroxylamine derived from hydrogenated tallow amine.

7. Thiosynergists, for example, dilauryl thiodipropionate or distearyl thiodipropionate.

8. Peroxide scavengers, for example esters of  $\beta$ -thiodipropionic acid, for example the lauryl, stearyl, myristyl or tridecyl esters, mercaptobenzimidazole or the zinc salt of 2-mercaptobenzimidazole, zinc dibutyldithiocarbamate, dioctadecyl disulfide, pentaerythritol tetrakis( $\beta$ -dodecylmercapto)propionate.

9. Basic co-stabilisers, for example, melamine, polyvinylpyrrolidone, dicyandiamide, triallyl cyanurate, urea derivatives, hydrazine derivatives, amines, polyamides, polyurethanes, alkali metal salts and alkaline earth metal salts of higher fatty acids for example calcium stearate, zinc stearate, magnesium behenate, magnesium stearate, sodium ricinoleate and potassium palmitate, antimony pyrocatecholate or tin pyrocatecholate.

10. Nucleating agents, for example, inorganic substances such as talcum, metal oxides such as titanium dioxide or magnesium oxide, phosphates, carbonates or sulfates of, preferably, alkaline earth metals; organic compounds such as mono- or polycarboxylic acids and the salts thereof, e.g. 4-tert-butylbenzoic acid, adipic acid, diphenylacetic acid, sodium succinate or sodium benzoate; polymeric compounds such as ionic copolymers ("Ionomers").

11. Fillers and reinforcing agents, for example, calcium carbonate, silicates, glass fibres, glass bulbs, asbestos, talc, kaolin, mica, barium sulfate, metal oxides and hydroxides, carbon black, graphite, wood flour and flours or fibers of other natural products, synthetic fibers.

12. Other additives, for example, plasticisers, lubricants, emulsifiers, pigments, rheology additives, catalysts, flow-control agents, optical brighteners, flameproofing agents, antistatic agents and blowing agents.

13. Benzofuranones and indolinones, for example those disclosed in US-A-4325863, US-A-4338244, US-A-5175312, US-A-5216052, US-A-5252643, DE-A-4316611, DE-A-4316622, DE-A-4316876, EP-A-0589839 or EP-A-0591102 or 3--[4-(2-acetoxyethoxy)phenyl]-5,7-di-tert-butyl-benzofuran-2-one, 5,7-di-tert-butyl-3-[4-(2-stearoyloxyethoxy)phenyl]benzofuran-2-one, 3,3'-bis[5,7-di-tert-butyl-3-(4-[2-hydroxyethoxy]phenyl)benzofuran-2-one], 5,7-di-tert-butyl-3-(4-ethoxyphenyl)benzofuran-2-one, 3-(4-acetoxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)-5,7-di-tert-butyl-benzofuran-2-one, 3-(3,5-dimethyl-4-pivaloyloxyphenyl)-5,7-di-tert-butyl-benzofuran-2-one.

The weight ratio of the total amount of components A), B) and C) to the conventional additives can be, for example, from 1:0.1 to 1:5.

The invention furthermore relates to the use of the novel stabilizer mixture for stabilizing a polyolefin against light-induced degradation.

The example below illustrates the invention in greater detail. All percentages and parts are by weight, unless stated otherwise.

Example 1: Light stabilization in polypropylene homopolymer films.

100 parts of unstabilized polypropylene powder (melt flow index: ~2.4 g/10 minutes, measured at 230 °C / 2160 g) are homogenized at 200°C for 10 minutes in a Brabender plastograph with 0.05 parts of pentaerythrityl-tetrakis-3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-propionate, 0.05 parts of tris-(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl)-phosphite and the stabilizer mixture

indicated in Table 1. The material thus obtained is compression molded in a laboratory press between two aluminum foils for 6 minutes at 260°C to a 0.5 mm thick film which is cooled immediately to room temperature in a water-cooled press. Samples of 60 mm x 25 mm are cut out of these 0.5 mm films and exposed in a WEATHER-OMETER CI 65 (black panel temperature  $63 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ , without water-spraying).

Periodically, these samples are removed from the exposure apparatus and their carbonyl content is measured with an Infrared spectrophotometer.

The exposure time corresponding to formation of a carbonyl absorbance of 0.1 is a measure for the efficiency of the stabilizer mixture. The values obtained are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1:

Stabilizer mixture	Time to 0.1 carbonyl absorbance in hours
0.05 % of (A), 0.1 % of zinc stearate and 0.5 % of $\text{TiO}_2$ (rutile)	1470

Comparison:

Stabilizer mixture according to US-A-4 929 652

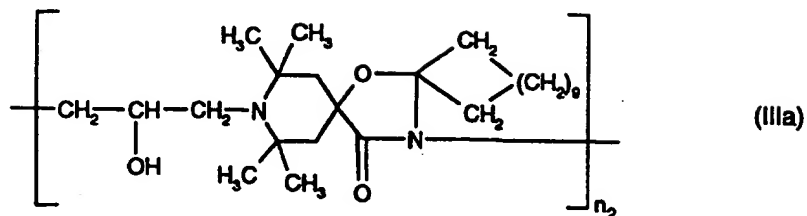
0.05 % of (XX), 0.1 % of zinc stearate and 0.5 % of $\text{TiO}_2$ (rutile)	1230
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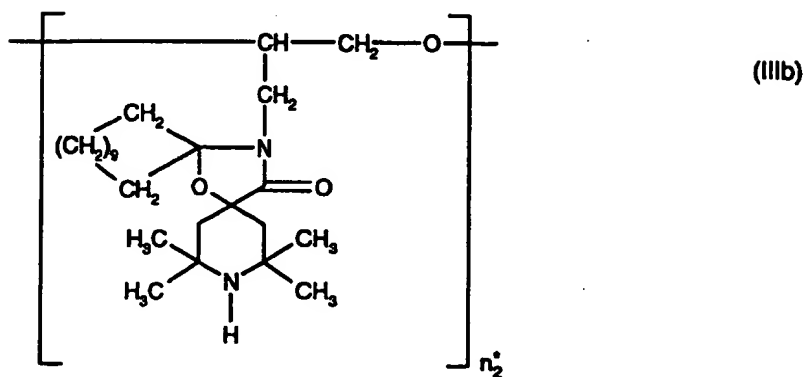
Light stabilizers used:

Light stabilizer (A):

Mixture of the compounds

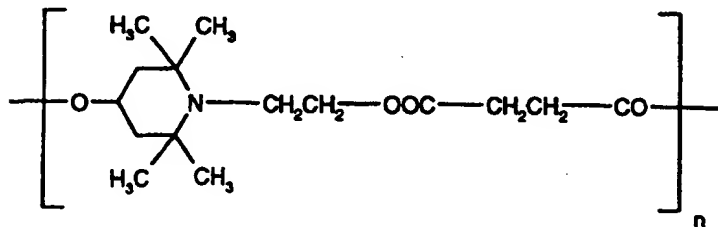


and



in which the mean value of  $n_2$  is approx. 3.9 and the mean value of  $n_2^*$  is approx. 4.2, and the ratio between (IIIa) and (IIIb) is approx. 4:1.

Light stabilizer (XX):



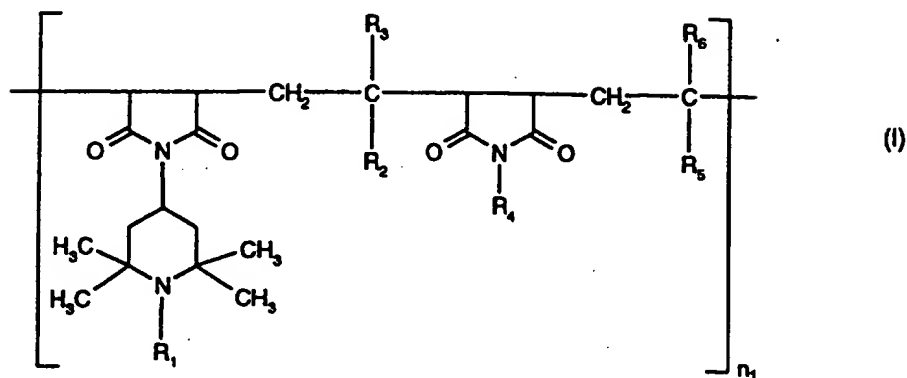
The mean value of n is 5.1.

Claims:

1. A stabilizer mixture containing

A) either

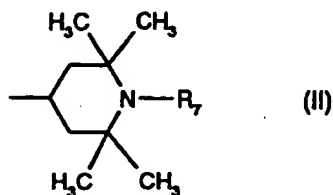
(A1) at least one compound of the formula (I)



in which  $R_1$  is hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ alkyl,  $-O$ ,  $-OH$ ,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkoxy,  $C_5$ - $C_{12}$ cycloalkoxy,  $-CH_2CN$ ,  $C_3$ - $C_8$ alkenyl,  $C_7$ - $C_8$ phenylalkyl,  $C_7$ - $C_8$ phenylalkyl which is substituted on the phenyl radical by  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl; or  $C_1$ - $C_8$ acyl,

$R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_5$  and  $R_6$ , independently of one another, are hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{30}$ alkyl,  $C_5$ - $C_{12}$ cycloalkyl or phenyl,

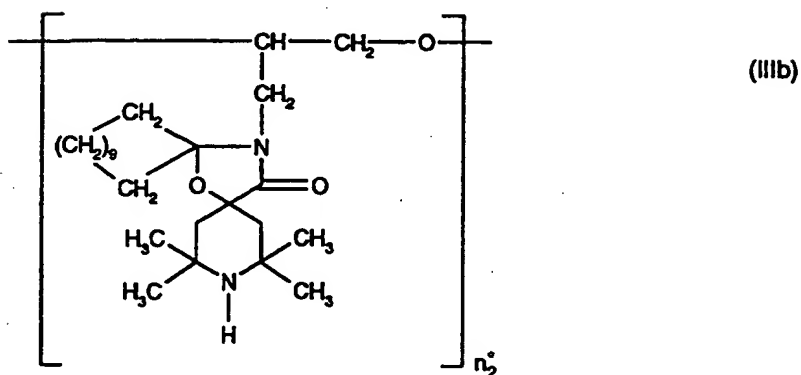
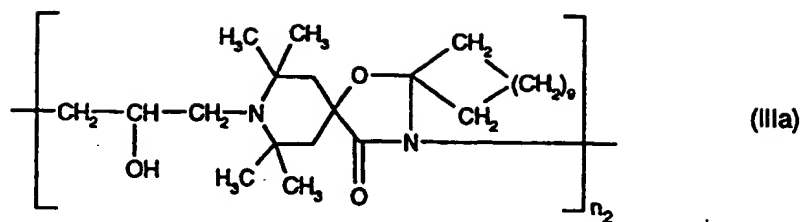
$R_4$  is hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{30}$ alkyl,  $C_5$ - $C_{12}$ cycloalkyl,  $C_7$ - $C_8$ phenylalkyl, phenyl or a group of the formula (II),



wherein  $R_7$  has one of the meanings given for  $R_1$ , and

$n_1$  is a number from 1 to 50; or

(A2) at least one compound of the formulae (IIIa) and (IIIb)



wherein  $n_2$  and  $n_2^*$  are a number from 2 to 50;

B) magnesium oxide, magnesium hydroxide, zinc oxide, zinc hydroxide or an organic salt of zinc or magnesium; and

C) either

(C1) an UV absorber or

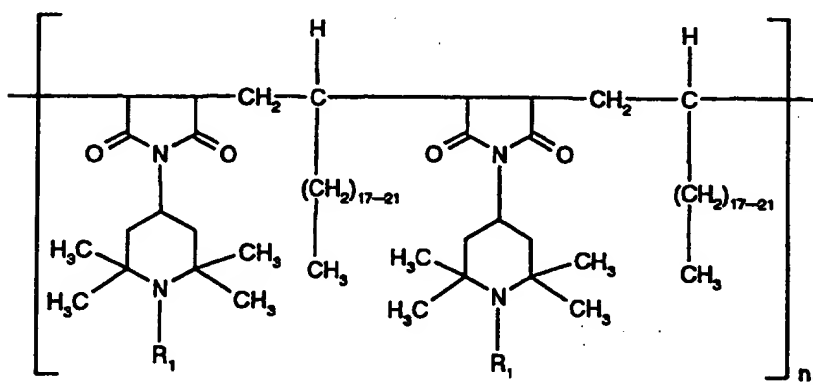
(C2) a pigment or

(C3) an UV absorber and a pigment;

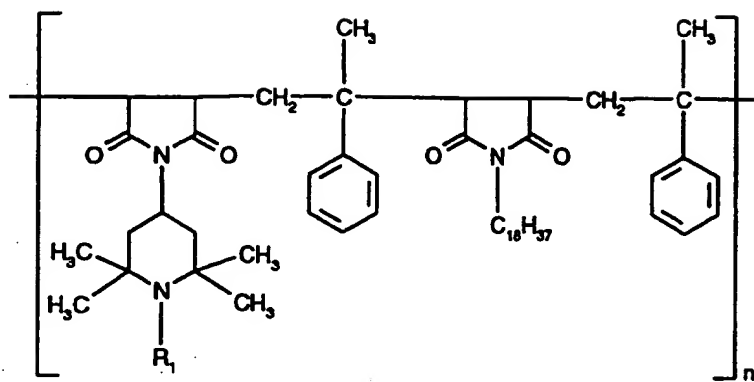
with the proviso that, when component A) is at least one compound of the formulae (IIIa) and (IIIb), component B) is magnesium oxide, magnesium hydroxide or an organic salt of zinc or magnesium.

2. A stabilizer mixture according to claim 1 wherein component A) is at least one compound of the formulae (IIIa) and (IIIb).

3. A stabilizer mixture according to claim 1 wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_7$ , independently of one another, are hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl, -OH,  $C_6$ - $C_{12}$ alkoxy,  $C_5$ - $C_8$ cycloalkoxy, allyl, benzyl or acetyl.
4. A stabilizer mixture according to claim 1 wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_7$ , independently of one another, are hydrogen or methyl.
5. A stabilizer mixture according to claim 1 wherein  
 $R_2$  and  $R_5$ , independently of one another, are  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ alkyl or phenyl,  
 $R_3$  and  $R_6$ , independently of one another, are hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl, and  
 $R_4$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ alkyl or a group of the formula (II).
6. A stabilizer mixture according to claim 1 wherein the compound of the formula (I) is



or



wherein  $\text{R}_1$  is hydrogen or methyl, and  $n_1$  is a number from 1 to 25.

7. A stabilizer mixture according to claim 1 wherein the organic salt of zinc or magnesium is an acetylacetonate or an aliphatic monocarboxylate.

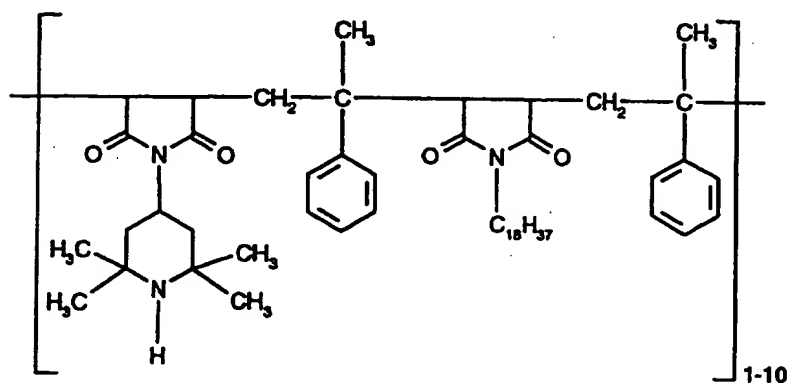
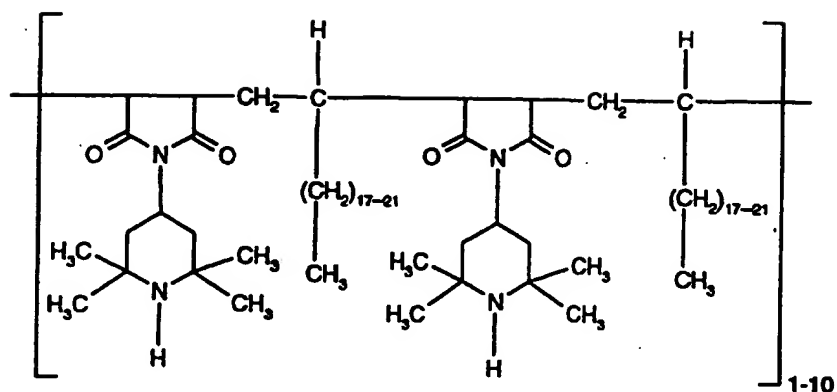
8. A stabilizer mixture according to claim 1 wherein the UV absorber is a 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, a 2-hydroxybenzophenone, an ester of substituted or unsubstituted benzoic acid, an acrylate, an oxamide, a 2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, a monobenzoate of resorcinol or a formamidine.

9. A stabilizer mixture according to claim 1 wherein the UV absorber is a 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, a 2-hydroxybenzophenone or a 2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine.

10. A stabilizer mixture according to claim 1 wherein the pigment is titanium dioxide.

11. A stabilizer mixture according to claim 1, containing as component C) an UV absorber.

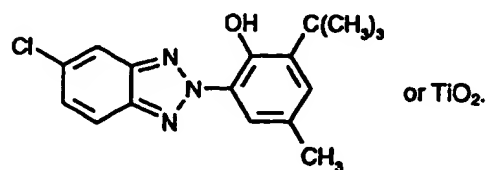
12. A stabilizer mixture according to claim 1, containing  
A) a compound of the formula



or at least one compound of the formulae (IIIa) and (IIIb) wherein  $n_2$  and  $n_2^*$ , independently of one another, are a number from 2 to 10;

B) magnesium stearate or zinc stearate and

C) the compound



13. A composition containing a polyolefin and a stabilizer mixture according to claim 1.

14. A composition according to claim 13 wherein the polyolefin is polyethylene or polypropylene or a copolymer of polyethylene or polypropylene.

15. A method for stabilizing a polyolefin against light-induced degradation, which comprises adding to the polyolefin a stabilizer mixture according to claim 1.

16. A stabilizer mixture according to any of claims 1 to 12 substantially as described in the Examples herein.



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